private gas-consumer. I regret that I

have not been able to procure more accu-

rate data, as the printed reports obtainable

only go back as far as the year 1855; but I

have very little doubt from their examina-

tion that the private gas-consumer has not

only paid the interest, but also the principal of the whole cost of the works from

their inception to the present day. But

whether this be so or not, the truth cannot

be gainsaid that the consumer has been vic-

made to carry a burden that every citizen

cruel extortion, to impose on him any

longer. In the name of justice, honor, and

common fairness, he cannot longer be com-

pelled to pay for benefits which are dis-

But there are other reasons more potent

than dollars and cents for reducing the cost

of gas-light. By a reduction in its price it

will extend its use to a large class of the

most worthy, useful, and industrious of

our people. There are many occupations,

many delicate kinds of labor upon minute

objects, that require more brilliant light

whole cost.

Richmond Dispatch

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

THURSDAYFEBRUARY 7, 1878.

·WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the Middle and South Atlantic States, warmer, clear, or partly cloudy weather, light, variable ds, and stationary or lower pressure. For Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and the East Gulf States, clear weather, followed by increasing cloudiness and rain, warmer southerly winds, and falling barometer, possibly followed at east stations by rising arometer and colder northwest winds. For the West Gulf States, rising preceded

at east stations by falling barometer, cloudy and rainy weather, variable winds, shifting to colder northerly, attending a storm-centre in Texas.

Off-shore signals continue at Indianola and Galveston, and cautionary signals at New Orleans and Mobile.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was clear, cool,

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 31 9 A. M., 41; noon, 58; 3 P. M., 59; 6 P. M., 49; midnight, 36.

Dr. Manson's Remarks in Favor of Reducing the Price of Gas.

The following will serve as a reply to the

than is afforded by kerosene and candles. article of T. C. L. and others that have ap-A larger proportion of book-keepers, lawpeared in the Dispatch: vers, doctors, teachers, printers, artisans, Mr. President,-At a meeting of the manufacturers, and seamstresses, after Council held on the 5th day of November passing the age of forty-five or fifty last I had the bonor to introduce a resolu- years, require a brilliant light in order tion in favor of the reduction of the price to prosecute their labors, and cannot of gas to the individual citizen. As I en- dispense with gas-light. It is, theredeavored at that time to embody succinctly fore, with many a necessity. Now, in the preamble and resolution the leading it is the duty of the city, as it has the reasons for the proposed reduction, I should monopoly of furnishing gas, to afford this now be content to submit the resolution to | necessity at the lowest possible price; the your action without debate, but as the lower the price the greater the number Council has implied a desire to hear my there will be who will be benefited; and if views on the subject by postponing its con- the axiom be true, that it is the duty of all sideration on account of my illness at the governments to bestow the greatest good time of last regular meeting, and as some upon the greatest number, this is eminently objections have been raised to the proposed applicable to this matter. The reduction in measure, I beg leave to make a few re- the price of gas must necessarily lead to its marks in its support. In the first place, it use by many who cannot now afford it. may be stated as a self-evident proposition The present cost of gas is a very burdenthat the gas-works were established solely some tax, except upon the very wealthy; for the purpose of supplying light to the and how few are wealthy or prosperous city at large and to the individual private now among us? In proportion to the quantity of gas manconsumer. It was clearly never intended as a financial measure for raising taxes ufactured the cost of its production will from one portion of our citizens for a diminish. It will require but a slight adbenefit conferred upon the entire popula-tion. It was evidently never contemplated dition to the expense to make fifty per cent. more gas than at present, excepting the that the city government should in this or price of the material. We are hearing constantly of conflagraany other matter become a speculator, or, as I may say, a forestaller or huckster, to tions and deaths resulting from kerosene, exact a profit or revenue for furnishing an | now so extensively used. The great city article of prime necessity to the citizens at of Chicago was nearly consumed by the

a price far beyond its actual cost, and to upsetting of a kerosene lamp, and the deaths throw the whole burden of its manufacture resulting from kerosene-explosions have people. I have no doubt that many of you are cognizant of the fact that there are many persons owning large estates in buildings who have never paid to the diminished. A kerosene lamp and diffusion upon a certain portion of the been very great in number, and are con-

buildings who have never paid to the fire will be diminished. A kerosene lamp ing him to be present. The conversation of city one cent for placing around their is liable to become a murderer and incendiproperty its protecting guard of light- ary at any moment. It is our duty to protect | tinctly heard in Richmond, although not sentinels, or for illuminathe lives and property of our people in every ting their path through the thick manner within our power, and the extendarkness of night, and thereby guarding sion of the use of gas will greatly contribute them from the approach of the thief, the to this end. If it were possible I would faruffian, and perhaps the assassin. The vor the gratuitous introduction of a gaswealthiest eitizen, who may own whole light into the humblest home in the city; squares of buildings, may easily escape the but, as this cannot be done, we can extend payment of a single penny for illuminating | it to as many as can afford to pay the cost of the streets and public buildings, and for its manufacture. Other reasons, in addition throwing its guardian rays around his steps, | to those offered, could be urged in favor of provided that he substitutes a kerosene the adoption of the resolution I have offer- for breaking and entering the room of Mr. lamp or candle to lighten his private dwell- ed-such as the comfort derived from cleaning. I know three brothers, owning more liness and the comparison of the inodorous than one hundred thousand dollars' worth | gas with the filth, smoke, and stench of kercof buildings in this city, who, by burning sene, candles, etc., but I will not impose for the North on the 8 o'clock train. The cases to impeach the integrity and good kerosene, have never contributed a cent for longer upon your patience. The movement all the years of benefit they have derived I have proposed I believe is founded upon in their persons and property; whereas a right and justice. If so, it must prevail. poor artisan or seamstress, who from ne- Like other reforms, it has met with objeccessity prolongs the day into the silent tions at its inception, but truth and equity watches of the night, and finds the gas- must in the end be victorious, in defiance of light indispensable to their labors, are taxed all opposition. I move the adoption of the not only for their solitary burner, but, with resolution. all other private consumers, have to pay for

every gas-light throughout the length and

Look at the report of the City Auditor for

the last fiscal year (1876) and you will per-

ceive the following balance of receipts and

Total in favor of the works \$90,209 72

Ninety thousand dollars in favor of the

works, every dollar of which came from the

pocket of the private gas-consumer, and

nobody else. Now, look at page 18 of the

Superintendent's report and you will per-

ceive that the expenses included under the

head of disbursements include the pay of

employes and for repairs and construction,

comprising every expense for material,

Total.
Disbursed for coal......\$39,010 17
Disbursed for expenses.. 80,387 37

disbursements:

shines in the courts of justice, the public offices, the armories, almshouse, hospitals, prisons, and even the city stables. But it is unnecessary to say more on this head to the end of the first half-hour she said, "Why Our citizens would do well to be yigilant prove that in the very nature of things the do you fidget with your feet so?" I said, and see that their premises are well seprove that in the very nature of things the cost of the manufacture of gas by the city Did I?"-then I put my attention there and | cured. could never have been intended as a classkept still. At the end of another tax or source of revenue, to be expended half-hour she said, "Why do you say, 'Yes, for other purposes or to lessen the taxes of oh yes!' and 'Ha, ha, oh, certainly, very the non-gas-consumer. Such a monstrous true!' to everything I say, when half the scheme would have been strangled in its time those are entirely irrelevant answers?" birth; but it was necessarily and of right I blushed, and explained that I had been a intended to supply a necessity at the little absent-minded. At the end of another lowest possible cost to the city and half-hour she said, "Please, why do you the citizen. Every citizen enjoys an grin so steadfastly at vacancy, and yet look invaluable comfort and safeguard from so sad?" I explained that I always did gas-light outside of his dwelling or that when I was reflectign. place of business, and he is in honor and

An hour passed, and then she turned and in justice bound to pay his part of its cost. contemplated me with her earnest eyes and said, "Why do you cry all the time?" I ex-But it has been said that all citizens were taxed to inaugurate the manufacture of plained that very funny comedies always gas, and to have to pay their part of the in- made me cry. At last human nature surterest on the bonds issued for the constructivendered, and I secretly slipped my boots tion of the works. At first view this is a off. This was a mistake. I was not able plausible objection to our scheme, but it to get them on any more. It was a rainy will not bear a moment's examination, and | night; there were no omnibuses going our the answer to it is this: That the gas-con- way; and as I walked home, burning up sumer was not only taxed also as a citizen with shame, with the girl on one arm and and property-owner for the original outlay, but he is so taxed to this day. He likewise worthy of some compassion, especially in has been alone taxed for many years those moments of martyrdom, when I had for extending the limits of gas-illumina- to pass through the glare that fell upon the tion and for keeping the works and its pavement from the street-lamps.

connections in repair. Examine the an-Finally, this child of the forest said. nual reports of the Committee on Light 6 Where are your boots?" and being taken and you will perceive that the private unprepared, I put a fitting finish to the citizen not only pays all the cost and ex- follies of the evening with the stupid repense for the manufacture and diffusion of mark: "The higher classes do not wear gas, but he also pays a large surplus into them to the theatre."-"Mark Twain's the treasury that is otherwise expended. Random Notes."

> A WHEELING MAN'S ECCENTRICITIES .-The Wheeling (West Va.) Intelligencer of best and most influential citizens. The "A gentleman who keeps Saturday says: a store a short distance from our city will not sell an article of any kind to a cross-\$159,432 32 eyed man nor to a man who wears his hat on the side of his head. If he leaves his home to go to his place of business and meets a cross-eved man he will return home, take off his hat and coat, and remain in the house a considerable time. The night at Leigh-Street Baptist church under sheriff of the county in which he lives is the auspices of Springfield Division, Sons cross-eyed. We don't know how he does of Temperance, which for size, character, about paying his taxes."

The New York Express denounces as "poor creatures" and "idiots" those perkey and tobacco. That's right. The man who would break down the inebriate asylum Legislature; Rev. R. H. Mullen, of the mitted. or abolish the smoking-car cannot be taught too soon that his intellect is far too feeble

for his dimensions .- Courier-Journal.

labor, and construction. But we will go | Since the doctors have raised the howl | gentlemen, and even the boys, will long reof total amounts in favor of the works for ber used in the manufacture of mince pies to use their influence to banish intemperare unwholesome, if not absolutely injuri- ance from our city. ous, the mince-pie industry has been almost revolutionized, the manufacturers using pasteboard and bass-wood veneering, in- The average sale of tobacco-stamps per day

Now, this is an average of \$79,000 taken press. from the purse of the gas-consumer alone.

A little girl who was spending her firs month on a farm in the country, was asked, cost of constructing the gas-works and its "What do you like best in the country?"

What do you like best in the country?"

What do you like best in the country?"

What do you like best in the country?"

To be mail at Googhand. Courthouse.

I DISPAICH.

RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1878.

to the works under the head of construcceipts from the private consumer. The Auditor has been unable to furnish me with PERSONAL .- Major J. Turner Morehead of Leaksville, N. C., is in the city, in the inthe exact indebtedness of the city in the shape of bonds issued for additions to the terest of the Reidsville and Leaksville Narrow-Gauge railroad. This road, when built works; but it cannot be very large, for the original cost of the works was only \$250,will bring a large quantity of freight to the Richmond and Danville road, and prove a 000, and from that time down to the pregood outlet for Richmond business. We sent the improvements, repairs, and extenwish bim success. sions have been usually charged to the works and paid out of the receipts from the

Mr. A. Y. Stokes, who has been confined to his room for the past three weeks, is now able to move about, and will in a few days be down town.

Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange vesterday were J. W. Cook, Greensville; W. O. Pamplin, Nelson; Colonel W. C. Graty, Danville; Isaac Read, New York; Thomas H. Harris, Louisa; J. A. Ligon, Hanover.

Mr. Clarke, of Surry, member of the House of Delegates, has had an attack of paralysis, affecting his right arm and leg. timized for many years; that he has been In the party that came from Washington here to attend Miss Thursby's concert were ought to have assisted in bearing; and that it would not only be rank injustice, but daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hyde, A. L. Coolidge, Mrs. Claffin, wife of ex-Governor Classin, of Massachusetts; G. H. Stephenson, H. A. Church, Boston; George H. Earle and Mrs. William Cook, Philadelphia; pensed to all. Like the sun, the city gas Mrs. S. M. Fassett and Walter Allen, Washshines upon the just and the unjust; but it ington, D. C. Several of these visited the is iniquitious to make the just defray the Capitol yesterday.

THE BUILDINGS IN RICHMOND VACANT AND OCCUPIED .- The captains in the three police listricts of the city have been recently engaged, under an order from Chief-of-Police Poe, in making a register of all the buildings in the city-brick and framed-whether occupied or vacant, and the following

	Brick.	Wood.	Tota
Dwelling-houses	1,457	4,183	7,5
Warehouses Factories Foundries	93 28		
Churches Livery-stables	50	36	
School-houses and colleges Banks			
Armories	3		
Public halls	8	3	
Asylums Cooper-shops	5	5	Paris District
HotelsBlacksmith-shops	15		
Carpenter-shops	16	15	
Paint-shops	8	2	21018
Depots Public buildings	3		1.
Jails and station houses Dwelling-houses for rent Stores for rent	4		4
Stores for rent Warehouses for rent	1	:::::::	1
Factories for rent	2		06

TELEPHONE BETWEEN RICHMOND AND WEST POINT .- Mr. C. P. E. Burgwyn, agent of the Bell Telephone Company, went to West Point yesterday morning and put one of his telephones in the telegraph office. Colonel Douglass, superintendent of the railroad, remained in the office of his company at Richmond and carried on a conversation with Mr. Burgwyn at West Point with perfect ease. The distance is about thirty-nine miles. Mr. H. D. Whitcomb persons in the office at West Point was disspoken into the tube. The experiment was entirely successful, and the gentlemen present expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the new invention.

AN ALLEGED HOTEL-THIEF DISCHARGED. George Johnson, the alleged St. Claire Hotel burglar, who was convicted at the November term of the Hustings Court and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary case was taken to the Court of Appeals, set aside and a new trial granted.

ROBBERIES NIGHT BEFORE LAST .- The residences of Colonel C. R. Barksdale and General Bradley T. Johnson, on Franklin street, were entered night before last and robbed while the families were at Mozart A TERRIBLE NIGHT AT A THEATRE. -Once Hall enjoying Miss Thursby's concert. At breadth of the city; for every light that when I was a callow, bashful cub, I took a Coionel Barksdale's about \$700 worth of plain, unsentimental country girl to a com- wearing apparel, jewelry, &c., was taken, edy one night. I had known her a day; she and at General Johnson's about \$500 worth seemed divine; I wore my new boots. At of silver, jewelry, and wearing apparel.

> WASHINGTON AND OHIO RAILROAD .-Messrs. Lewis and others of the bondholders of the Washington and Ohio Railroad Company are renewing their application to Judge Wellford for the appointment of a receiver. Judge Bates, of Delaware; Mr. Barton, of Winchester; and James the Court yesterday.

> MASONIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION .- There will be a meeting at St. Alban's Hall this evening to organize the Masonic Library Association. For several months the Ma sons of the city have had under consideration the proposition to perfect such an orso general it has been fully determined upon. There is every indication that the Library Association will meet a long-felt demand and receive the hearty support of the craft. All Masons in the city who are in sympathy with the Association are requested to be present this evening, when the permanent

> THE RICHMOND MERCHANTELE CLUB have rented the Richmond House, corner of Thirteenth (or Governor) and Ross streets, which will be put in thorough condition for occupancy by the 1st of March. The club starts with an active membership of over one hundred, comprising some of our officers for the first year are J. P. Yancey, president; Claiborne Watkins, vice-president; Edgar D. Taylor, treasurer; and John M. Nowlin, secretary, with a board of

TEMPERANCE MEETING .- There was a public temperance meeting on Tuesday speeches, etc., was one of unusual interest and profit. The meeting was presided over by T. Wiley Davis, and addressed by Rev. W. N. Scott, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Preston Nash, chaplain United States Methodist Church; and H. A. Atkinson, Jr., Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Grand

Many who were present, both ladies and

PROSTRATION OF THE TOBACCO TRADE .-

ed and brought to this city charged with charged with assault, were discharged.

Dissolution of Partnership-Notice

LOCAL MATTERS Necessary. Seddon & Bruce, Jones Brothers & Co., and J. E. Morriss & Co., against P. F. No- church. Both at the Bible-readings of yesland & Co .- In the Circuit Court of Rich- terday and sermon last night the uttendance mond, Judge Barton presiding.

These cases, tried together by one jury. occupied four days, during which important practical questions respecting the laws of partnership were discussed, upon authority. by Messrs. J. H. Dooley and J. M. Gregory for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. A. M. Keilev and John Lyon for defendants.

Before the argument upon the facts began the Judge instructed the jury respecting the law as follows:

1. If the jury believe from the evidence that P. F. Noland and J. C. Smith were partners, under the name of P. F. Noland & Co., and had been dealing with the plaintiffs while such partners, and that the plaintiffs continued to sell goods after the alleged dissolution of the partnership on the 1st of January, 1877, without notice being given to them of such dissolution, and the following: Senator H. L. Dawes and without knowledge or information thereof. but in good faith and upon the credit of J. C. Smith as one of the partners, then the plaintiffs are entitled to recover in this action for the price and value of such goods so sold by them, although the jury may believe from the evidence that the partnership had in fact been dissolved, and that the deendant, P. F. Noland, was solely interested in the business.

2. The plaintiffs cannot recover in these actions if the jury believe from the evidence that the partnership between P. F. Neland and J. C. Smith had been dissolved previous to the sales of the goods for the price and value of which these actions are brought; if they believe that the plaintiffs had at the time of or before such sales notice or information or knowledge, however derived, of the fact of such dissolution, though the defendants, nor either of them, had pubished such dissolution in the newspapers, or given public notice thereof by any of the means usually adopted for that purpose.

3. That such notice or information to, or knowledge by the plaintiffs of such dissolution may be proved by direct evidence or by the proof of circumstances which will establish the fact of such notice, information, or knowledge.

Verdicts were found for the plaintiffs, and motions for new trials entered about midnight of last Monday. On Tuesday the Judge, overruling said motions, delivered the following opinion in writing:

Jones Brothers & Co. vs. P. F. Noland & Co.; J. E. Morris & Co. vs. Same; Seddon & Bruce vs. Same. Upon a Motion for a New Trial.

In these cases there was undoubtedly evidence for the defendant, J. C. Smith, tendto show full knowledge on the part of one or more of the firms, plaintiffs, of the fact of the dissolution of the firm of P. F. Noland & Co. by the withdrawal of J. C. Smith on the 1st of January, 1877. There was evidence, however, on the part of the weight of the conflicting evidence was particularly within the province of the jury to determine; and the preponderance on either side was not sufficient to justify the Court in interfering with the decision of the jury. withdrew on the 1st of January, 1877, and the life. day.

The jury have found in all these cases that the plaintiffs had no knowledge of such dissolution while the dealings which are the subjects of investigation in these causes were going on. The law in such a case is well settled. That the retiring partner is bound to give notice of his withdrawal to customers, and if he fails to do so and they continue to deal with the firm upon the faith that he is a member, and loss must happen to one or the other, it should fall on the one who has, however innocent-J. B. Crenshaw during the late Fair and ly, been negligent in not doing that which stealing a large sum of money, was dis- he ought to have done to relieve himself charged night before last from jail, and left from liability. There is nothing in these faith of J. C. Smith; on the contrary, the where the judgment of the lower court was | whole evidence shows that he acted in good faith and with the purpose of doing a kindness to others. He has nothing to regret in the transactions except the pecuniary loss he has sustained, so far as these cases show, by an over-confidence in other persons whom he wished to befriend, leading him to negligence in not taking the steps necessary for his protection.

I think the law requires that the motion to set aside the verdicts and grant new trials should be overruled.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, represented by Messrs. Peyton & Ellerson, general agents for Virginia, publish their eighteenth annual statement in our columns this morninig. It shows that the company is stronger than it has been before. It has a surplus to-day of \$6,200,000 as against five and a half millions a year ago. Its assets are over \$33,500,000. Its cash income is nearly \$9,000,000, and its outgo to policyholders was \$5,234,276.76. The amount in-Neeson, of Richmond, represent the plain-tiffs, and Messrs. Lee, Orr, and J. A. Mere-dith, the defendants. Mr. Barton addressed 413.47, and this is in addition to over three millions invested in New York State and other stocks authorized by the laws of New

> MR. SOTHERN'S ENGAGEMENT.-Next week our theatre-goers will have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Sothern, the eminent comedian, for the last time before his return to England. His engagement commences on Wednesday night next, and during his stay in the city will appear as Lord Dundreary, in Our American Cousin; De Lacy Fitzaltamont, in A Crushed Tragedian; and in his two impersonations, David Garrick and a Regular Fix.

Mr. Sothern is a distinguished actor, and comes to Richmond with his own company of artists, which supported him at the Park Theatre, New York, and were identified with his great success in New York, where he performed during the present season, covering a period of eighteen consecutive

weeks. The sale of reserved seats commences at Johnston's to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THE OCCASIONAL SOIREE .- The third soirée of the Occasionals will be given at Chelsea, Monday evening, February 11th, night the following officers were elected! under the management of the following Captain, Richard M. Taylor; First Lieutenception—R. E. Kelley, F. Lynneman, William H. Pitt. Floor—William Purcell, Eugene Mayes, C. J. Winfree.

J. Fendall Gregory; Second Sergeant, John W. Dobson; Third Sergeant, John J. Craig; Fourth Sergeant, D. C. Ellett; Fifth Eugene Mayes, C. J. Winfree.

COURT OF APPEALS, WEDNESDAY.—The Universal Life-Insurance Company vs. Cogbill- and others was further argued by Mr. George W. Disney; Second Corporal, G. Hundley and Judge Ould, and submitted. A. Meredith; Third Corporal, James R. Maybush vs. The Commonwealth was Eddens; Fourth Corporal, A. H. Claiargued by William Ellison, Esq., Judge bourne.

William Ellison, Esq., qualified to prac tice law in this court.

POLICE COURT-Acting-Justice Crutchfield presiding .- The following business was transacted yesterday: George Planz, charged with burglary and larceny, was sent on to the grand jury. Ball refused.

sent to jail for three months with twenty last evening on the basin bank. The corolasnes added. Security in the sum of \$50 was required unnecessary. of James Davis, charged with assaulting Mitchell Gardner. Cæsar Britt, charged with burglary, and

THE MISSION SERVICES AT St. PAUL'S | ness-men find necessary in their affairs; and CHURCH .- There is no dimunition in the at- then, their pay is more regular, and the tendance at the meetings at St. Paul's honor infinitely greater.

was immense. After the usual preliminary services in the morning Mr. Rainsford read St. Paul's corporation in the land, must economize. To 11th chapter.

The lesson of the evening was "What the Christian life consisted in, and how it

should be continued and be a perpetual living sacrifice." Or in other words, it was the duty of every man to give himself a living sacrifice to God.

was crowded. A remarkable and pleasing feature of the

y that class.

The services last night commenced with by the rate of \$1.40 on the \$100. by that class. singing the hymn, "Jesus, and shall it ever be," &c., and prayer by Kev. Dr. Minnige-

the previous night was not only beautifully | rated by but a slight margin. carved out, but illustrated in the most fervent and eloquent language.

On Saturday afternoon at 44 o'clock Mr. Rainsford will hold special services at St. Paul's church for the Sunday-school teachers and workers of all denominations.

The body of the church will be reserved for the Sunday-school teachers, superintendents, and workers, who will be admitted upon the presentation of tickets, which can be had at the following places:

Baptist Sunday-school teachers and other workers, at Josiah Ryland & Co.'s bookstore, Main street. Methodist, at T. L. D. Walford's, on Main

Disciples, at R. H. Maury & Co.'s, Main

Lutheran and Episcopal, at John L. Williams's, No. 1014 Main street. Tickets will be found at the above places

on Friday morning. We may add that Mr. Rainsford will hold his last mission services on Friday at 12 M. and 8 P. M. He will preach on Sunday at St. Paul's at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

THE AMATEURS AT VIRGINIA OPERA-House.-The second and last performance of the comedy, "The Adventures of a Lovc-Letter," took place at Virginia Opera-House last night. It may be said with all truth that a better amateur dramatic entertainment was never presented in Richmond. ing to show and standing by itself sufficient | The acting of all the caste throughout the entire play was spirited and graceful, and the setting of the stage in the different scenes challenges competition even amongst the most skilled professionals.

In the rôle of Mlle. Suzanne, Miss Bettie plaintiffs of the opposite character. The ease in her acting that would have reflected conception of her part, while her costumery was superb. Miss Jennie Pleasants, who always makes

> happy in her personation of the snappish The Baroness De La Glaciere bore an im-

> was most admirably impersonated by Miss Alice Cabell. Miss Camilla Scott made a beautiful Ma-

> the audience. Miss Belle Webb, as the sprightly servant-

> cess of the play. The careless, cosmopolitan, devil-mayimportant rôle in the play-was entrusted

pudence that was necessary to make the then be put in nomination and selected. character perfect. Mr. J. Enders Robinson as the icicle Baron De La Glaciere played or knowledge. He may dislike it, in view his part well, while the bashful and ardent of his declination. We do it, nevertheless. lover Anatole was capitally portrayed by And we insist that he must not totally dis-Mr. Walter Upshur.

As the zealous lover of the science of entomology and amusing Bachelor Brisemonche, Mr. C. O'B. Cowardin was very good, and created much mirth, as well as great consternation amongst actors and audience alike, when he accidentally discharged his gun. In the last scene his acting was lifelike to the last degree.

Altogether the play was a success, and the only regret is that there was not a larger audience present to enjoy it. The addition of an orchestra made a great improvement on the first night's entertainment.

THE MOZART THIS EVENING .- The orchestra will play this evening two overtures, "La Gazzaladra" and "La Sirene," and the waltzes "My First Ball," by Faust. Miss Annie Vogel will play a solo for man is John S. Wise, of Richmond. Henrico piano, "Last Hope," by Gottschalk; Dr. will rally to his support. Bartkowski a solo for violin, "Il Trovatore"; Messrs. Kessnich, Thilow, and Reinhardt a trio, by Reisiger; and Mrs. Louis Euker will sing two songs for alto, "O, Love, Be Kind," by Abt, and "When 'Tis Moonlight," by White. The Baton will contain interesting mat-

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY .- The benevolent ladies having in charge the grand entertainment at the Richmond Theatre Saturday night are making earnest efforts to insure a pecuniary success. The object is purely one of charity, and should meet with the liberal patronage of the public.

INFORMATION WANTED .- Major Poe, chief of police, yesterday received the following telegram from the chief of police of Phila delphia:

"PHILADELPHIA, February 6 .- To Chief of Police: We have a feeble-minded boy named John Wate, who says his father, John Wate, lives at No. 104 Broad street, vour city, and that he was abducted away by a man. Answer.

"K. H. Jones, Chief of Police."

COMPANY D .- At the annual election of committees: Arrangement-William Simp- ant, F. W. Cunningham; Second Lieutenson, John E. Rose, E. J. Hogan. Re- ant, James W. Gibbons; First Sergeant, Sergeant, W. H. Wyatt; Ensign Sergeant, George W. Disney; Second Corporal, G.

> KNIGHTS OF HONOR .- At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor, held last night, the following officers were elected up to midnight: E. McCarthy, G. D., Richmond; B. D. Blick, V. G. D., Norfolk ; J. R. Lamkin, Richmond, A. G. D. At half-past 12 o'clock this morning the Grand Lodge was still in session.

DROPPED DEAD .- Washington Hewlett Sarah Capps, charged with larceny, was (colored), aged fifty-six years, dropped dead r was summoned, but deemed an inquest

The True Plan.

Editors Dispatch: In the reduction of Frank Wormley and Melton Gardner, pay of city employes the true plan for us to follow is to pay quite as much, and no more,

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Then why should the city pay more for these employes than others would? It is now becoming apparent that the city of Richmond, like every business-bouse and private

epistle to the Romans-from the 7th to the raise taxes is out of the question. I venture to assert (and I believe I can prove it if free access is given me to the facts and figures) that hundreds of pieces of property here are paying the city not less than \$2 per \$100 of their market value, even according to the State assessment, which will be our future guide. I know that the nom-At the night services, as usual, the church | inal rate of taxation is \$1.40 on the \$100; but remember the circumstances attending the assessment, and take into consideration meetings has been the large attendance of the true value of property-either as to procolored people. Last night at least one ductiveness or salableness, and you will half of the western gallery was occupied see, what property-owners know, that our

At any rate the demand is made upon us ourselves of the downward tendency of office and Association Hall After that Rev. Mr. Rainsford announced prices, and get such talent and labor as we as his subject a continuation of the discourse need, not at the rates that prevailed in the of Tuesday night-of where trusting begins flush times of 1872-'3, but at the rates of and where trying ends; and the lesson of 1878, gold and greenbacks being now sepa-

Rev. Mr. Rainsford, the Evangelist. RICHMOND, VA., January 30, 1878.

To the Editors of the Dispatch: Will you oblige one of your daily readers by publishing a brief biographical sketch of the English gentleman who is now preaching at St. Paul's church? Will you state of what part of England he is a native, at which university he studied, and of which college he is a member, also to what diocese A DAILY READER. he belonged?

[Mr. Rainsford was born in Ireland, graduated at Cambridge, is about twenty-eight years of age, and was ordained by the Presbyterian, at C. Gennett's, Main street. Bishop of Norwich in the year 1873, since which time he has been engaged in evangelistic work.]

> [Communicated.] We would say naught, do naught, to detract from the high, well-earned, modestlyworn fame of that patriot and soldier, General Joseph E. Johnston. We are glad that he is mentioned for Congress. His presence adds lustre to the galaxy of Virginians from which we are to select. But that in any of those qualities and attainments which make an efficient representative he is more than the equal of either Judge Crump, Judge Meredith, Dr. Quesenberry, Mr. Keiley, or Captain John S. Wise, we cannot admit-we deny.

It is said in his behalf-and most truly, too-that we owe him a debt of gratitude for his war services. But why him more than others who did their whole duty? Of the war record of the first four gentlemen above named, we are ignorant. Of that of John S. Wise we know something. We as-Ward exhibited a degree of finesse and sert that we owe General Johnston no more ease in her acting that would have reflected than we owe him. Each did his duty credit upon any stage. She had a thorough only his duty. Was General Johnston fully up to his? So was John Wise. Did General Johnston lead? John Wise followed, and followed where his General dared lead. a hit in the part she essays, was peculiarly Did General Johnston bleed at Seven Pines? So did Wise at New Market. Did General old maid Zenobie. She played her part to Johnston resign his commission in the old army and take up his sword for his mother State? What peculiar credit attaches to portant part in the play, and the character this? The few who did it not are the scorn of our people-degenerate sons, traitors. Mr. Wise was not sixteen years old then, and held no commission to resign; butthilde, and for her easy and graceful acting patriot boy—gave himself to his State, and received frequent marks of approval from sealed his devotion to her in "the red baptism of the battle-field."

But Mr. Wise, very magnanimously, has maid Pauline, assisted no little in the suc- declined to oppose General Johnston. That's just like him. General Johnston may not be nominated, however. Let Wise's care Prosper Courament-about the most friends see that they do not commit themselves to anybody else, either by requests to to Dr. James H. McCaw, and it could gentlemen to become candidates or in any scarcely have been in better hands. He other way. General Johnston may be acted it with all the cool, self-assuring im- dropped in Convention. Mr. Wise may This is done without Mr. Wise's consent

regard the preference and desires of his FELLOW-CITIZENS.

[Communicated.] HENRICO COUNTY, February 6, 1878. Editors Dispatch: I regret to see that General Joseph E. Johnston has consented to allow the use of his name as a candidate

to represent this district in the next session of Congress. As a soldier he is strong in the hearts of his people, and they love him, and in time of war will rally to his call and follow his lead; but, thank God, at this time peace reigns supreme, with all its blessings, and it is not the military man that we need to represent our interests in the halls of Congress, but one whose daily intercourse with the people of this district gives him a pecuilar fitness for that important position. Such a TUCKAHOE.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

The Hustings Court .- The Hustings Court is still in session, and was engaged yesterday in the continued consideration of the Carter-Anderson will case. The cases against the City Council and

special committeemen was fixed for to-day.

It is reported that all the cases will be nolle prosequied. The Cedar-Works .- The Cedar-Works Company have nearly completed the work of cleaning up at their late premises, and

expect to commence the work of building in a few days. All of the old operatives are employed as aborers on the new building.

The Circuit Court .- The proposition to nclude Chesterfield in the circuit with Henrico and Richmond city meets with very general approval among our people.

A Farmers' Committee .- The farmers of Chesterfield have formed a general committee, with Joseph E. Taylor as chairman, for the protection of their mutual interests. Chesterfield will also be fully represented in the approaching Grange Convention at Lynchburg.

Mayo's Bridge .- All the arrangements bave been perfected for the speedy rebuilding of Mayo's bridge. The people of Manchester, regardless of location, look forward with great impatience to the reestablishment of the time-honored institution.

The Lyceum Ball .- Tickets are out for the semi-annual hop of the J. H. S. Ly ceum, which will take place at their hall February 12th. The committee promise that the coming anniversary ball and banquet shall eclipse all previous efforts. The Lyceum hops are strictly private and select.

Personal .- During the absence of Captain Frank T. Walker in Florida (whither he goes for his health), William E. Mingea, at one time stationed here, will act as agent of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad in Petersburg. Mr. Mingea has for some time TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. been assistant agent and operator. Mel. Kimbrough, of Richmond (now sta-

tioned in Manchester), succeeds Mr. Mingea temporarily as assistant agent. MERCHANTS whose leases are about to expire

will do well to call and see us, as we have several stores centrally located (near Main street) which we will rent very low to good tenants. CHAFFIN, STAPLES & Co.

SICK AND NERVOUS HEADACHE.-DR. C. W. million of dollars; but it must be borne in mind that this includes the enlargement and improvements of the works from their foundation, and that these improvements of the street, but—don't you seef—there are no corners here, and I and pleaded guilty. The Court fined her foundation, and extensions have been charged annually containing the same are of the services of men than the same are worth in the open market.

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> comes scant and watery, a condition termed ancnia in medical writings. Given this condition and scrofulous swellings and sores, general and neryous debility, loss of flesh and appetite, weak lungs, throat diseases, and consumption, are among the common results. Therefore, if you are a sufferer from thin, poor blood, do not hesitate, but employ Golden Medical Discovery, which enriches the blood the root of the evil and removing the cause. For all bronchial, throat, and lung affections, so vere lingering coughs, weak lungs, consumption in

remedy, and has outrivalled all its competitors. It is harmless in any condition of the system, yet powerful to cure. Druggists sell It. MOFFETT-REGISTER DRAWBACK .- Mr. CHAS. EUKER has a beautiful metal drawback, manufactured by C. BELLENOT, No. 4 Fourteenth street. It

is neat and unique, and will prove a great convedence to all bar-room keepers. THE "GLENWOOD" WHISKEY took the first pre-

mium at the State Fair. The "B Select" Whiskey is recommended by Dr. I. B. McCaw. Duff Gordon Sherry-our own importation.

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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

at election in May, 1878. DISSOLUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS. DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNER-

DISSOLUTION OF COLDENS AND AND SHIP.—The firm of DAVIS & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent, all liabilities of the firm being assumed by DAVIS & BROTHER, they purchasing the interest of the retiring partner, and having charge of the affairs of the late firm.

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on hand, SEINE-TWINES, SEINE-LINES, L. LICHTENSTEIN,

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NOTICE.—All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting any of the crew of the Norwegian bark VAAREN, WOHLE master, from Havre, as no debts of their contracting will be paid by the master or agents.

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CURTIS & PARKER.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, February 1, 1878. T ICENSES, &c .- Owners of WAGONS CARTS, DRAYS, HACKS, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES, and other VEHICLES for which an annual license is required, also owners of DOGS. GOATS, and BITCHES, are notified that LICENSES will be ssued from this office on and after date to expire on the 31st day of January, 1879.

LIME, CEMENT, AND PLASTER. ROCKLAND LIME.—1,200 barrels fresh ROCKLAND LIME from the celebrated Cobb Lime-Kiins" now landing from schooner Speedwell, for sale low from dock by ROBERT WENDENBURG, fe 7-2t 808 Main and 17 Fifteenth streets.

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the Ist of January and last of June the taxes for the Present year have to be paid by the purchaser, On all sales made between the lst of July and last of the year the texes have to be paid by the seller. [This custom was adopted about afteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and applied to the paid by the seller.

RICHARDSON & CO., 4 P. M., trustee's sale of a lot, with a framed dwelling, on State street, Fulton.

lies to Richmond and vicinity.]

TOHN F. REGNAULT

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